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Dear Cedric,

By the time you get this you should have gotten WHITEWASH II. With the ecstatic account of the high degree of inefficiency that has been attained, and the glorious descriptions of the absolute perfection in miserable service that the postal inspector assures me account for all the difficulties we have had, it is always possible you will not get it. In that event, let me know and I'll send another. I hope to have WHITEWASH III out in two months. I believe I can continue at the present pace a while longer, but it is not conducive to good writing. Someday I'll print something besides rough drafts!

Just returned from a trip to California, via Wisconsin and Chicago. It was an intensive brawl. I have now begun to use ridicule, for the subject has opened up enough and besides, the toehers are now using my lines and I needed new material. Even those reluctant to do so enjoyed my dissertations on "literary scavengers" (Gov Connally's description of Lane), beginning with Congressman Ford (an honest man, so honest that he actually put on the cover the name of the man who wrote the book for which he is credited and paid) through Calinger, Schlessinger, Sorensen, Lincoln, and Nanny Shaw. I concede that when Manchester gets \$665,000 for openers from Look he is in another class.

My "magic bullet" is now possessed of a "built-in intelligence", and I describe its mixture of magic and intelligence straight, as required by the acrobat attributed to it. Some day I'll write it out, especially the part about the delicacy of its control that enabled it to follow the contour of Governor Connally's fifth rib, smashing it with only the back end, ~~fixing~~ and the reverse kinetic energy it stored that enabled it to sneak out of the leg when nobody was looking and hide under a mattress.

So I had fun, reached a lot of people, probably millions with all the radio and TV exposure I had from before dawn until well after midnight, and, I think, got this thing more into perspective.

Tangled with Louis Lomax, a professional Negro, who made me lose my temper but who will not forget my appearance. If he airs that show the way it is taped, many people will understand for the first time the kind of opposition to truth there is and how bankrupt it is. Too bad he had to be a Negro when he made of himself a professional lickspittle. I am perhaps the first man not to have been insulted by Joe Pyne, who wants to introduce WHITEWASH III on his coast-to-coast TV show. And the one (professional) effort at redbaiting in San Francisco backfired when I stood firm. That was also fun, because I had a Ramparts score to settle and decided to forget it, especially when it was also Ramparts that was redbaited with me. When Leating was introduced at our meeting the ~~tax~~ next night I alone in the 350 stood and applauded, my kind of answer. Then when he asked for it, I suddenly awakened and played with him, getting him to even admit that I'm Le Boeuf. This redbaiting seems to have been of FBI inspiration. It is too late. I didn't know until I got there that the group I was to address were Trotskyites. It was their biggest meeting. They were wonderful to me.

Anyway, little by little, the common people are getting to understand what is involved in this entire story, and they are really the nobility. The intellectuals will soon be dragging along behind. And we are getting major support now, as you will see (none of it is accidental).

Have a good year. If any of your sources can supply me with any information on US preparations for or assistance to groups preparing for invasion of or attacks on Cuba in 1963, especially of the arrest of such people, it could be very helpful, as you will understand when you read the appropriate chapter. Sincerely,

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Dear Harold:

Your latest progress report, found here in return from two months in Europe, very much appreciated. I look forward to receiving Whitewash II. We have gone all over Europe talking about your book and stressing that in our view it is the outstanding one. More power to you, and un abrazo

